

MINUTES

**MONTANA SENATE
61st LEGISLATURE - REGULAR SESSION**

COMMITTEE ON FISH AND GAME

Call to Order: CHAIRMAN GREGORY D. BARKUS, on January 20, 2009
at 3:00 P.M., in Room 303 Capitol.

ROLL CALL

Members Present:

Sen. Gregory D. Barkus, Chairman (R)
Sen. John Brenden, Vice Chairman (R)
Sen. Joe Balyeat (R)
Sen. Debby Barrett (R)
Sen. Steven Gallus (D)
Sen. Joseph (Joe) Tropila (D)

Members Excused:

Sen. Larry Jent (D)
Sen. Trudi Schmidt (D)
Sen. Jim Shockley (R)

Members Absent: None.

Staff Present: Lindsey Hern, Committee Secretary
Hope Stockwell, Legislative Branch

Audio Committees: These minutes are in outline form only. They provide a list of participants and a record of official action taken by the committee. The link to the audio recording of the meeting is available on the Legislative Branch website.

Committee Business Summary:

Hearing & Date Posted: SB 228, 1/8/2009; SJ15, 1/19/2009;
SB 202, 1/16/2009

Executive Action:

HEARING ON SJ 15

Opening Statement by Sponsor:

00:00:24 SEN. BRUCE TUTVEDT (R), SD 3, opened the hearing on SJ 15, Urge vigorous defense of gray wolf delisting.
[EXHIBIT\(fis13a01\)](#)

Proponents' Testimony:

00:04:15 Chris Smith, Deputy Director, Fish Wildlife and Parks,
(FWP)

[EXHIBIT\(fis13a02\)](#)

00:07:20 Sen. Trudi Schmidt arrived to committee
00:07:54 John Youngberg, Montana Farm Bureau Federation (MFBF)
00:09:52 Aeric Reilly, Montana Wool Growers Association (MWGA)
00:10:41 Jay Bonder, Montana Stockgrowers Association (MSGA)
00:12:45 Janet Ellis, Montana Audubon
00:13:11 Larry Copenhaver, Montana Wildlife Federation (MWF)

Opponents' Testimony:

None

Informational Testimony:

None

Questions from Committee Members and Responses:

00:14:49 Sen. John Brenden
00:15:18 Mr. Smith, FWP
00:15:34 Sen. Brenden
00:15:38 Mr. Smith, FWP
00:17:32 Sen. Joe Tropila
00:17:52 Mr. Smith, FWP
00:18:28 Sen. Tropila
00:18:31 Mr. Smith, FWP

Closing by Sponsor:

00:18:50 Sen. Tutvedt

HEARING ON SB 202

Opening Statement by Sponsor:

00:21:39 SEN. GREG HINKLE (R), SD 7, opened the hearing on SB 202, Prohibit feeding of certain wildlife.

[EXHIBIT\(fis13a03\)](#)

[EXHIBIT\(fis13a04\)](#)

Proponents' Testimony:

00:24:44 Ken McDonald, Wildlife Division Administrator, FWP

[EXHIBIT\(fis13a05\)](#)

00:27:31 Jay Bodner, MSA

00:28:57 John Youngber, MFBF

Opponents' Testimony:

00:29:49 Ms. Ellis, Montana Audubon

00:32:00 Cindy Swank, self

[EXHIBIT\(fis13a06\)](#)

00:32:57 Sen. Larry Jent came to committee

Informational Testimony:

None

Questions from Committee Members and Responses:

00:37:03 Sen. Joe Balyeat

00:37:48 Mr. McDonald, FWP

00:38:45 Sen. Brenden

[EXHIBIT\(fis13a07\)](#)

00:40:15 Mr. McDonald, FWP

00:41:33 Sen. Steve Gallus

00:42:03 Sen. Hinkle

00:46:57 Chairman Barkus

00:47:53 Mr. McDonald, FWP

00:48:36 Chairman Barkus

00:49:03 Mr. McDonald, FWP

00:49:59 Chairman Barkus

00:50:11 Mrs. Swank

00:51:22 Mr. McDonald, FWP

00:53:05 Sen. Balyeat

00:54:42 Mr. McDonald, FWP

00:55:40 Sen. Balyeat

00:56:29 Mr. McDonald, FWP

Closing by Sponsor:

00:56:50 Sen. Hinkle

00:57:32 Sen. Jim Shockley came to Committee

HEARING ON SB 228

Opening Statement by Sponsor:

01:00:55 **SEN. DEBBY BARRETT (R), SD 36**, opened the hearing on **SB 228**, Prioritize protecting humans, livestock, and pets from predators.

01:01:16 Sen. Schmidt left committee.

Proponents' Testimony:

01:07:16 John Youngberg, MFBB

01:08:45 Mr. Bodner, MSGA

Opponents' Testimony:

01:10:57 Mr. Smith, FWP

EXHIBIT(fis13a08)

01:18:50 Ms. Ellis, Montana Audubon

01:20:07 Mr. Copenhaver, MWF

Informational Testimony:

None

Questions from Committee Members and Responses:

01:23:07 Sen. Brenden

01:23:36 Mr. Smith, FWP

01:24:17 Sen. Brenden

01:25:06 Mr. Smith, FWP

01:25:44 Sen. Shockley

01:26:30 Mr. Smith, FWP

01:26:37 Sen. Shockley

01:26:49 Mr. Smith, FWP

01:26:57 Sen. Shockley

01:27:11 Chairman Barkus

01:27:27 Sen. Barrett

01:27:45 Chairman, Barkus

01:27:52 Sen. Balyeat

01:28:48 Mr. Smith, FWP

01:31:31 Sen. Balyeat

01:31:42 Mr. Smith, FWP

Closing by Sponsor:

01:33:02 Sen. Barrett

Additional Questions

01:37:34 Sen. Tropila

01:38:01 Mr. Smith, FWP

ADJOURNMENT

Adjournment: 4:46 P.M.

LINDSEY HERN, Secretary

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Additional Exhibits:

EXHIBIT ([fis13aad.pdf](#))